THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 20, 1961

WEEK END READING FOR NEWPORT

- 1. Two comments -- one from the Intelligence office at State and the other from the Embassy in Moscow -- on Khrushchev's speech. The State paper is a particularly thoughtful one.
- 2. Latest report on assistance to Tanganyika. This shows from that the matter is in pretty good shape, and there have been no major changes in the last month.
- 3. A further report from the Secretary of State on Polish relief parcels.
- 4. A memorandum to me from Roger Hilsman on information from Ambassadors of friendly governments. This is a point which you raised some time ago, and unless I hear to the contrary, I will tell him to proceed as his memorandum suggests.
- 5. Report from the State Department on Economic countermeasures in the event of interruption of Berlin access.
- 6. Here is a summary on the Pope case which leads me to the conclusion that we ought not to make a special indication of your interest right now. If it does not persuade you, we will of course go ahead. The basic points are at the bottom of page 2 and the top of page 3. Andrew
- 7. A report from Charlie Bartlett of his meeting with Smirnovsky. This is worth reading because it implies that the Soviets are hoping you will be "reasonable." Be wary! $\chi_{55\,R}$
- 8. The report on the Cuban internal situation which you requested. (Highly sensitive) Min. John McG. B. (LY

Mr. Bundy asked that a comment on the food situation be added — bad but not disastrous - for the Cuban people virspiat